

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 6 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 3 as amended makes it clear that it is the organic thin film that has the single layer structure and that it is this organic thin film that is interposed between a first electrode and a second electrode. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 3, and therefore defendant Claim 6, is in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yang et al. (WO 02/37500 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The organic compound used in the organic bistable memory device according to the present invention consists essentially of the compound represented in formula (I). On the other hand, Yang et al. (WO 02/37500) discloses a bistable body comprising at least two components (low conductivity material and high conductivity material). Therefore, the present invention is not anticipated by Yang et al. Furthermore,

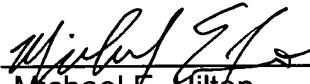
Applicant respectfully asserts that Yang et al. teaches away from the present invention as claimed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 3 is neither disclosed nor suggested by Yang et al. Further, since Claim 6 depends from Claim 3, Applicant respectfully asserts that it is likewise patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to Claim 3.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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